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Examining Group. 1731

In re application of:

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For

MACHINE AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A

FIBER MATERIAL WEB

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Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

In response to the **Final Official Action** mailed April 18, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 18, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are required. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to 19-0089.